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### A New U.S. Live Cattle Shipment to Ecuador

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**Report Highlights:**

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A private sector rancher imported 30 head of cattle, with the Ministry of Agriculture importing six premium bulls for its genetic improvement center. All the animals in this shipment underwent a rigorous 30-day quarantine period in the United States prior to export and have met all sanitary requirements necessary for import into Ecuador.

FAS Quito foresees growing numbers of private sector imports in 2016 (see, [GAIN Ecuador Livestock Annual 2015](#)). There is substantial private sector interest in U.S. dairy and beef cattle for herd improvement. FAS Quito continues its outreach campaign with local dairy farmers and ranchers; it is providing genomic training along with beef cattle handling and beef and beef cuts training.



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